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*Attack*Political Indoctrination

1. [redacted] the construction of buildings of the Wönsan Silkworm Egg Farm, (Ministry of Agriculture), [redacted] the Trade League meetings held in support of the one (1)-year construction project. The general points covered in these meetings were as follows.
 - A. Complete demonstration of enthusiasm in construction.
 - B. Maintenance of health.
 - C. Observation of daily eight (8)-hour work schedule.
 - D. Full attendance to labor.
 - E. Fulfillment of daily construction quotas, and overtime work for failures.
 - F. Thorough economization of construction materials.
 - G. Sticking to one's own job at all times.
 - H. Completion of the construction program within 1956.
2. The Trade League meetings were held on each off-day, once a week, at the straw-roofed laborers' lodging house, where the attendants, including all the laborers, clerical workers, and directors, heard from the vice-director of the silkworm farm concerning their individual achievements in the construction, after which discussions were held for approximately two (2) to three (3) hours.
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] non-Communist broadcasts in North Korea. The general public in North Korea is afraid of anything non-Communist, which is due to their fear of discovery and possible punishment by the authorities.

Communist Activities

5. The Trade League of the construction workshop of the Wönsan Silkworm Egg Farm had a total of 68 members, and of these, approximately one third (1/3) were Labor Party members, who all held high positions at the workshop as compared with the ordinary non-party members of the league.
6. Among the laborers at the construction site were a group of 13 laborers [redacted]
 - [redacted] These repatriates were constantly the under

secret surveillance at the construction site of the three (3) top ranking staff officers of the workshop - the director, vice-director, and bookkeeper of the silkworm farm. However, no implied and direct hostile actions or persecution were taken towards these ex-political offenders.

7. Those regulations and other points which brought about complaints on the part of the laborers at the construction site were:
 - A. One (1) to two (2) hours overtime work each day, disregarding the daily eight (8)-hour work schedule.
 - B. Approximately 700 grams of grain per day for a heavy laborers, which was too little for a physical worker.
 - C. The deduction of grain from the rations for absences.
 - D. Shortages of side-dishes at the lodging house.
8. The activities of Labor Party members within the party were kept from outsiders, and thus the Party's internal problems and its efforts were concealed from the general observer.
9. The wide difference between the propaganda of the Government and actual conditions had alienated the people's trust of the authorities. No damages to any aged Korean practices and customs by the Communist regime were known

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general public in North Korea suffered from a severe food shortages, caused by the poor harvests in both 1953 and 1954, and the Communists had numerous difficulties in coping with the food problem.